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Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Michigan on January 1, 2020, was 85,000 head, a decrease of 1 percent from 2019, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Breeding sheep inventory, at 60,000 head, was down 2,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 25,000 head, up 1,000 from last year. The 2019 Michigan lamb crop was 54,000 head, up 4,000 from the previous year.

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2020 totaled 5.20 million head, down 1 percent from 2019. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.81 million head on January 1, 2020, decreased slightly from 3.82 million head on January 1, 2019. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.98 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2020 totaled 1.39 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2019.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Michigan, at 61,000 head, was up 6,000 from the previous year. Michigan shorn wool production in 2019 was 375,000 pounds, up 15 percent from 2018. The average price paid for wool in Michigan was \$0.68 per pound, an increase of \$0.03 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$255,000, 21 percent above the 2018 value.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2019 was 24.0 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2018. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.32 million head, down 2 percent from 2018. The average price paid for wool sold in 2019 was \$1.89 per pound for a total value of 45.4 million dollars, up 6 percent from 42.8 million dollars in 2018.

As of January 1, 2020, there were 12,000 milk goats in Michigan, unchanged from a year earlier.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2020 totaled 2.66 million head, up 1 percent from 2019. Meat and other goats totaled 2.09 million head on January 1, 2020, up 2 percent from 2019. Milk goat inventory was 440 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2019, while Angora goats were down 5 percent, totaling 130 thousand head.

Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – Michigan and United States: January 1, 2019 and 2020

Class	Michigan		United States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	86	85	5,230	5,200
Breeding sheep and lambs	62	60	3,820	3,810
Ewes	45	45	3,000	2,980
Rams	3	3	170	170
Replacement lambs	14	12	650	660
Total market sheep and lambs	24	25	1,410	1,390
Previous year's lamb crop	50	54	3,235	3,230

Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – Michigan and United States: January 1, 2019 and 2020

Class	Michigan		United States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	137	130
Milk	12	12	430	440
Meat and other	(NA)	(NA)	2,055	2,090

(NA) Not available.